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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,  
Applicants identify the materials listed below and on the  
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NON-U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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0378823	Europe (EPO)	July 25, 1990
0637038	Europe (EPO)	February 1, 1995
0747914	Europe (EPO)	December 11, 1996
WO 9812847	WIPO (PCT)	March 26, 1998
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OTHER MATERIALS

Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1995, No. 10 (November 30, 1995) and Japanese Patent Abstract No. 07 192926 (July 28, 1995).

Copies of these documents are not enclosed pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1893.03(g), as they were cited in the International Search Report for the PCT application from which the above-referenced application derives. Applicants believe the non-English language documents may be relevant at least because so cited and because they appear to relate to items such as pulse transformers with cores variously described as being magnetic or of ferrite or toroidal tape. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3). Applicants do not concede that the identified materials, or any of them, constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

Applicants are submitting this paper within three months of the filing of the application and before receipt of an Office Action concerning the merits of the invention claimed in the application and accordingly believe, for either reason, that no fee is due. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, if Applicants' beliefs are mistaken, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account No. 11-0855 for any such fee presently due.

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